

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this divisional application in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24, 27-29, 32-34, 39-41 and 48 are presently active in this application, Claims 27-29 having been amended and new Claim 48 added by way of the present amendment. Claims 25, 26, 30, 31, 35-38 and 42-47 previously canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed March 2, 2004.

The present amendment is response to a telephone discussion initiated by Examiner Schmidt on June 24, 2005 at which time the Examiner indicated that the subject application was in condition for allowance, with the exception that Claims 27-29, 32-34 and 39-41 depended from a canceled claim. To remedy this deficiency, submitted herewith is a new independent Claim 48 which includes the entire subject matter of canceled independent claim 25 and subject matter common to the three dependent Claims 27-29 which each depended on the canceled claim 25. Applicants respectfully submit that this new claim 48 also defines patentable subject matter.

Consistent with the addition of new Claim 48, Claims 27-29 are amended so as to depend on new Claim 48 and to delete subject matter transferred to new Claim 48. Claims 32-34 and 39-41 depend on claim 27 and thus no amendment to these claims is necessary.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, and in light of the Examiner's June 24, 2005 verbal indication of allowable subject matter, the present application is believed to

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be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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